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Applicant

: Kazuo Kobayashi

Confirmation No. 1459

Application No. : 10/712,364

Filed

: November 12, 2003

Title

: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MACHINING SUBSTRATE

Grp./Div.

: 2823

Examiner

: William D. Coleman

Docket No.

: 51508/A400

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Post Office Box 7068 Pasadena, CA 91109-7068

February 24, 2006

Commissioner:

Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------|
| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest Number Paid For | Number Extra Claims | Small Entity Rate | Large Entity Rate | FEE |
| Total Claims Fee | 6 | *20 | 0 | 0 x \$25.00 | 0 x \$50.00 | 0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 1 | ** 3 | 0 | 0 x \$100.00 | 0 x \$200.00 | 0.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claims *** | | | | \$180.00 | \$360.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL FILING FEE | | | | | | 0.00 |
| NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED | IF NO FEE REQUIRED, INSERT "0" | | | | | 0.00 |

LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS: 16

- * IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 20 OR LESS, WRITE "20" IN COLUMN 3
- ** IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN COLUMN 3
- *** PAY THIS FEE ONLY WHEN MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS ARE ADDED FOR THE FIRST TIME

| Amendment Transmittal Letter Application No. 10/712,364 | | | | | | |
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| | Attached is our check for \$ to pay the fees calculated above. A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed. Other enclosures: | | | | | |

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LALP

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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office action mailed January 5, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.